

House Resolution 2166

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Herbert "Billy" Burnette, Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Mr. William Herbert "Billy" Burnette, Jr., on December 19, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnette was born on August 4, 1936, in Talking Rock, Georgia, a beloved  
6 son of the late Genevieve Elizabeth Thomas and William Herbert Burnette, Sr.; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gilmer High School, Mr. Burnette attended Young Harris and  
10 North Georgia Colleges; and

11 WHEREAS, this dedicated farmer was a life member and alumnus of the Future Farmers of  
12 America program and was a member of the Georgia Cattlemens Association and the Young  
13 Farmers Association; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Burnette was an active member of Liberty  
15 Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnette was united in love and marriage to his loving wife of 49 years,  
17 Betty Hicks Burnette, and was blessed with the love and support of his children, Teri and Jeff  
18 Gibson, Paula Holder, and Brett and Stephanie Burnette, and six wonderful grandchildren;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Burnette will long be remembered for  
27 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, and  
28 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Herbert  
31 "Billy" Burnette, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. William  
34 Herbert "Billy" Burnette, Jr.